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April 15, 2020		
Teleconference		
Wednesday, April 15th, 2020		
Agenda Item 1 <u>Call to Order/Roll Call</u>	Time: 1:32 PM	
The meeting was called to order by Dr. David Nielson, President, at 1:3	52 p.m.	
Board Members present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:	<u>-</u>	
Dr. David Nielaan Drasidant (Vin Teleconformer)		
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In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Profes	ssional Licensing. Department of	
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Ms. Christianne Carrillo, Licensing Examiner - Juneau		
In Attendance from the Public:		
Mr. Paul Anderson – (Via Teleconference)		
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Ms. Terry Wood - (Via Teleconference)		
Gail Walden entered the teleconference at 1:36 PM.		
	Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call The meeting was called to order by Dr. David Nielson, President, at 1:3 Board Members present, constituting a quorum of the board, were Dr. David Nielson, President – (Via Teleconference) Dr. David Nielson, President – (Via Teleconference) Dr. Steven Scheller – (Via Teleconference) Dr. Dominic Wenzell – (Via Teleconference) Dr. Kelly Lucas – (Via Teleconference) Dr. Jonathan Woller – (Via Teleconference) Dr. Jonathan Woller – (Via Teleconference) Dr. Jonathan Woller – (Via Teleconference) Ms. Brittany Dschaak – (Via Teleconference) Ms. Brittany Dschaak – (Via Teleconference) Ms. Strittany Dschaak – (Via Teleconference) Ms. Sher Zinn, Regulation Specialist - Juneau Mr. Joseph Bonnell, Records and Licensing Supervisor Ms. Sher Zinn, Regulation Specialist - Juneau Mr. Joseph Bonnell, Reconference) Mr. Paul Anderson – (Via Teleconference) Mr. Back Duclos - (Via Teleconference) Mr. Back Duclos - (Via Teleconference) Mr. Dave Logan, Alaska Dental Society – (Via Teleconference) Mr. Birch Yuknis – (Via Teleconference) Mr. Birch Yuknis – (Via Teleconference) Mr. Birch Yuknis – (Via Teleconference) Mr. Lo	

52	Agenda Item 2	Review / Approval of Agenda	Time: 1:39 PM		
53 54 55 56	The board reviewed the DRAFT agenda for the 4.15.2020 Board Meeting. Dr. Nielson suggested the board review teledentistry after the ethics report. This item was moved from agenda item 5 to agenda item 4.				
57 58 59 60	On a motion duly made by Gail Walden, seconded by Jesse Hronkin, and approved unanimously without any objections, it was				
61 62 63	RESOLVED	to approve the 4.15.2020 dental board agenda as amen	ided.		
64 65	Agenda Item 3	Ethics Report			
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69	Agenda Item 4	<u>Teledentistry Statement</u>	Time: 1:41 PM		
70 71 72 73 74	Dr. Albertson and ther	he board to review the teledentistry statement. He noted the was input from Dr. Jesse Blanco. The statement was created by the links for additional information.			
75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82	Dr. Nielson informed the board that any additional regulations or regulation changes regarding the teledentistry statement remains to be seen. Dr. Nielson asked Dr. Woller if this should be sent as a letter to the state or just posted as a policy or statement. Dr. Woller informed the board that the intent was to send it out as a policy statement as there was some lack of clarity at the state level regarding 3 rd party payers and if they would acknowledge teledentistry as a valid treatment modality. Dr. Woller informed the board the statement supports teledentistry as a treatment modality and cited the ADA as having excellent policies on the topic.				
83 84 85 86 87 88 89	appropriate people. Dr practices use of telehea Board of Dental Exam telehealth procedures.	ne Division of Medicaid should see the statement and it sh Woller stated the Division of Medicaid was accepting al- alth but had cited the dentists lack of regulations regarding iners Statutes and Regulations as a reason to not accept 3 ⁿ Dr. Nielson requested the boards permission to send the la- e of Alaska Board of Dental Examiners website under the	most all other healthcare g teledentistry in the rd party reimbursement for etter to appropriate people		
90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97	stated the letter would necessary to copy the i say a link to the ADA of the Covid-19 inform the link is added to the Examiners Website. It	board if there were any objections to mailing and posting to be appropriate and a reference to the ADA would be appri- information from the ADA as that information was on the website would be acceptable. Ms. Walden clarified she do nation from the ADA needed to be posted to the website. ADA website there will be a lot of stuff on the State of A t was also stated non-ADA members may not have the sar the link and letting the ADA decide what people see.	opriate but it would not ADA website. She did id not believe all 10 pages Dr. Nielson stated once Maska Board of Dental		
98 99 100 101	On a motion duly ma unanimously by roll o	de by Dr. Dominic Wenzel, seconded by Dr. Jesse Hro call vote, it was	nkin, and approved		

102 **RESOLVED** to add the teledentistry advisory statement with links to the ADA to the State 103 of Alaska Board of Dentistry Website and mail the statement to the appropriate people in the form 104 of a letter.

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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse
Dr. David Nielson	Χ		
Ms. Gail Walden	Χ		
Dr. Kelly Lucas	Χ		
Dr. Dominic Wenzell	Χ		
Ms. Robin Wahto	Χ		
Dr. Jesse Hronkin	Χ		
Dr. Jon Woller	Χ		
Ms. Brittany Dschaak	Χ		

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108 Agenda Item 5

Public Comment

Time: 1:39 PM

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Dr. Nielson directed the board to the public comment agenda item. He stated that the board has received 4 110 e-mails for public comment. He believed one of the e-mails should be addressed and the others would most 111 likely have their questions answered as the board meeting progressed.

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The email Dr. Nielson wanted the board to discuss pertained to the emergency meeting the board held on 114 115 April 8, 2020. The e-mail from Dr. Nizich was asking for clarification on what an emergency or urgent care is. Dr. Nielson stated that the e-mail assumed orthodontists are working as normal. Dr. Nielson was 116 not sure why it was believed orthodontists were still working. Dr. Nizich also believed that exams, 117 periomaintenance, cleanings and denture adjustments could be considered critically necessary to prevent 118 harm. Dr. Nielson did not believe these procedures qualify for what would be considered critically 119 necessary to prevent emergencies. Dr. Nielson also noted that the board had adopted the ADA's guidelines 120 as to what constitutes emergent dental care. He stated the link was added to board website and the 121 122 information changes. He stated the link is the same but the information on the link changes. Dr. Nielson 123 wants to send an e-mail reminding licensees to check the ADA link as it provides extensive guidance on emergent care. The board has adopted the ADA guidelines for this topic. 124

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126 Before the chair moved on to hear public comment he wanted to make it clear that the mandates that have come out without any input from the board of dental examiners. Dr. Nielson revealed he had one 127 conversation from Commissioner Crum about getting additional information that might come later in the 128 129 day. 130

131 Dr. Paul Anderson who is a general dentist in the interior of Alaska found dentists who perform emergent 132 care are required to wear a N95 mask to be ironic as there are no masks in the interior of Alaska available 133 to them.

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135 Dr. Jack DuClos shared that his office received calls about questions from patients that were confused about the mandates and asked if there were specific orthodontists who were opened. Dr. Nielson assured Dr. 136 137 Duclose that there were no specific offices named.

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Dr. Birch Yuknis made a comment about educating Dr. Zink about the intricacies of dentistry and was 139 appalled that the board of dental examiners was not involved in the oral health mandate. Dr. Dominic 140

Wenzell responded and suggested that those who do not receive emails must not have an updated email in 141 142 their record.

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143 Logan Cornwell, a student asked for clarification for new graduates who would like to be licensed in Alaska. 144 The chair responded to Mr. Cornwell that the board has come into road blocks about the subject and shared that the board will have more time to discuss the topic at the Board of Dental Examiners' next board meeting 145 on May 5th, 2020. 146 147 148 Terry Wood asked if the applications for licensure in Alaska are currently on pause and if other masks can 149 be used other than N95s. Dr. Nielson stated to Ms. Wood that initial applications are currently on pause and 150 the second part of her question will be discussed later in the meeting. 151 152 153 Agenda Item 6 Letter to Sara Chambers **Time: 2:10 PM** 154 155 Dr. Nielson presented a draft letter to Director Sara Chambers, CC'd to Commissioner Crum. The letter notified Director Chambers of their weekly emergency meetings to determine whether any emergency 156 regulations are needed and gather any information specific to how dental examiners should react to COVID-157 19 presently and for the future. The board requested that the board may be able to provide input to DHSS 158 and Dr. Zink as standing orders are drafted for dentists. 159 160 161 Dr. Nielson asked the board if there were any comments about the letter. Ms. Gail Walden made a request 162 to correct DHHS to DHSS and change the word repairing to preparing. She also asked to include AK DHA to the list or organizations. The letter was planned to be sent out by the end of the day. 163 164 165 Dr. Nielson asked Dr. Jon Woller to develop board approved dental guidelines. Dr. Woller will asks other dentists to help. He urged the public to click the links on Mandate 6 that would answer a lot of the public's 166 questions. The resources list guidelines that do not mention an N95 mask but highly recommend it. Dr. 167 Nielson reminded everyone that the board plans to get an email out on Friday. 168 169 170 Task: 171 172 Dr. Jon Woller will draft out a plan for dental providers going forward on dental routines 173 by the next meeting. 174 175 On a motion duly made by Dr. Dominic Wenzel, seconded by Ms. Gail Walden, and approved unanimously by roll call vote, it was 176 177 178 **RESOLVED** to adopt the letter to Director Sara Chambers as amended. 179

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184	Agenda Item 7	Adjourn	Time: 2:28 PM
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189	RESOLVED for	the meeting to adjourn at 2:29 PM.	
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